Agriculture (65-00-00)

Project Summary Chart							
	STATE CAPITAL FUNDS						
Project Name	\$ Prior to FY 2004	FY 2004	FY 2005 Request	FY 2005 Recommended		FY 2006 Request	FY 2007 Request
1. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	\$ *1,600,000 \$	700,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000	\$	600,000	
TOTAL	\$ 1,600,000 \$	700,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000	\$	600,000	

^{*}Funds appropriated in the FY 1999 Capital Improvements Act.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 65-00-00

1. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Funding is requested to continue the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). The primary goals of this project include reducing polluted runoff and creating and enhancing wildlife habitat. This project provides incentives for landowners to remove environmentally sensitive areas from agricultural production. The State of Delaware signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 1999 with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) concerning the CREP in Delaware. USDA provides 80 percent of the required funding while the state provides the remaining 20 percent. The new 2002 Farm Bill has authorized USDA to continue funding Delaware's CREP program through 2007.

CAPITAL REQUEST:

State Funds				Capital Funds From Other Sources		
Authorized and Requested				Federal Other		
FY 1999	\$	1,600,000	\$	*6,400,000	\$	0
FY 2004		700,000		0		0
FY 2005		700,000		0		0
FY 2006		600,000		0		0
TOTAL	\$	3,600,000	\$	6,400,000	\$	0

^{*} Appropriated in the 1997 Farm Bill.

FISCAL YEAR 2006

1. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

\$600,000

See Project Descriptions for FY 2005.